

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 2001,
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Deputy Secretary of State

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to the Tall Ships Challenge 2002.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 117, Hertzberg. Tall Ships Challenge 2002.

This measure would commend the American Sail Training Association and congratulate the California host ports in connection with their efforts in the Tall Ships Challenge 2002, and would invite the nations of the world to send their tall ships to participate in the event.

WHEREAS, During California's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1999, tall ships from around the world visited the California ports of San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego; and

WHEREAS, These ships were the Concordia from Canada, the Kaiwo Maru II from Japan, the Dewaruci from Indonesia, the Gloria from Colombia, and the Guayas from Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, These tall ships were joined by the USS Eagle, the United States Coast Guard's training sail ship; and

WHEREAS, These tall ships were also joined by over 40 tall ships and square-rigged ships from the United States; and

WHEREAS, These tall ship visits were aided by funding from the state to assist these ports in hosting these vessels; and

WHEREAS, These visits were a financial boost to these ports by drawing recordbreaking crowds to visit the ships; and

WHEREAS, These visits received widespread national and international media coverage and boosted California's status as a worldwide, international economic power; and

WHEREAS, The visit of these tall ships increased California's appreciation for its rich maritime history and traditions dating back to the earliest days of California's recorded history; and

WHEREAS, The American Sail Training Association has created the Tall Ships Challenge in order to bring tall ships and young sailors from North America and around the globe to the shores and harbors of the United States each year in friendly international competition and in celebration of the enduring values



of teamwork, adventure, and courage that built a great society in North America; and

WHEREAS, The San Diego Maritime Museum, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, and Sail San Francisco have joined together with the American Sail Training Association to bring the Tall Ships Challenge to California in 2002; and

WHEREAS, The trans-Pacific race will originate in Yokohama and sail to Puget Sound, Washington, a distance of more than 4,200 nautical miles, with an intermediate stop at a port in the Aleutian Islands. Ships in this race will then join others in Seattle for the start of Tall Ships Challenge 2002. After a visit in the Pacific Northwest, the ships will race south to San Francisco, followed by a second race to Los Angeles, and then a cruise-in-company, for the Los Angeles to San Diego leg; and

WHEREAS, Events like the Tall Ships Challenge 2002 bring local people together with visiting sailors from across the ocean in a shared sense of excitement that is truly unique, joining appreciation for maritime history and traditions in celebrations that are an extraordinary cross-cultural experience; and

WHEREAS, The great port cities, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, California will serve as hosts to the largest gathering of tall ships seen on the Pacific Coast since the 19th century; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California commends the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of international understanding, its continuing commitment to the values that built a great nation and brought the peoples and cultures of the world together, and its dedication to the personal growth and development of the young people who will lead the nation and the world in the next generation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California congratulates the host ports, San Diego Maritime Museum, the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, and Sail San Francisco on their efforts to provide a warm California welcome to the ships of the Tall Ships Challenge 2002, and for their commitment to the important work carried on by those ships; and be it further



Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby invites the nations of the world to send their tall ships to participate in the Tall Ships Challenge 2002; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.



Attest:

Secretary of State

